Announcing the Final Examination of Carl Messina for the degree of Master of Science

Time & Location: June 7, 2011 at 2:00 PM in HEC 438

Title: Labeled SAmpling Consensus (L-SAC): A Novel Method for Detecting Multiple Structures in a Dataset

A novel sampling consensus algorithm motivated by RANSAC, but able to handle multiple instances of a structure in a dataset was developed. It is unsupervised, and discovers instances simultaneously rather than trying to find a structure, remove, and repeat. This approach is called L-SAC, for Labeled SAmpling Consensus. The algorithm randomly samples from a dataset and creates a "descriptor" vector to describe a unique instance of a structure found. It then creates a unique 1-dimensional label to attach to each candidate, reducing the search to a 1-dimensional clustering problem. The labels are designed to widen cluster boundaries. Therefore rather than relying on modes to build in the distribution from several similar structures discovered, unique instances can be found with only 1 structure instantiated by analyzing the boundaries. The technique allows for the development of a novel "compressed" sampling method. This procedure was applied it to the trivial case of lines, a case of finding planes and homographies using 2 image pairs, and finding multiple human faces using depth images provided by the Xbox Kinect.

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